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Reply to Attn of:

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TO: Distribution

FROM: CC/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at Events Related to the Eighth International Conference on Remediation of Chlorinated and Recalcitrant Compounds, May 21 - 24, 2012

On May 21, 2012, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. will host a Sunset Dinner Party at Pebble Beach in Monterey, California from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Approximately 100 guests are expected to attend this dinner. The invited guests are a wide array of industry representatives that face similar challenges associated with the remediation of chlorinated and recalcitrant compounds, academia, federal agencies (Navy, EPA, NASA, etc.), state agency personnel, and environmental/ remediation professionals (other consultants, vendors, etc). The ticket price to attend this event is \$25 a person.

I find this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having invited NASA personnel attend. This event will provide an opportunity for NASA employees to share NASA's goals on research and development for the Agency. In addition, attendees will be in a diverse forum conducive to disseminating information on NASA's ongoing and future activities and discussing matters of interest to NASA. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect Geosyntec Consultants may accept an invitation for free attendance at the event.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Geosyntec Consultants, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from the Chief Counsel's Office. NASA employees who are in non-career positions for which Executive Order 13490 requires the signing of an ethics pledge, may accept an invitation of free attendance to the event.

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